

R E M A R K S

Claims 1-9 and 13-22 are now in this Application, and are presented for the Examiner's consideration.

Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 7, 8, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

This rejection is not understood. It was stated that the recitation in the claims of a range of angles between 5 degrees and 30 degrees is different from the recitation in the specification of a pitch of 5-30%. However, the Random House Unabridged Dictionary, Second Edition, defines "pitch" as "the degree of inclination or slope; angle." Therefore, a pitch of 5-30% is the same as an angle between 5 and 30 degrees.

However, in order to advance prosecution, claims 7, 8, 18 and 19 have been amended to use the language recited in the specification.

Thus, these claims now recite that:

said second downwardly extending wall which forms said recess is angled downwardly at a pitch between 5-30% from horizontal (page 9, line 6), and

said first downwardly extending wall which forms said recess is angled downwardly at a pitch between 5-30% from vertical (page 9, lines 3-4).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 7, 8, 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, has been overcome.

Claims 1-3, 5-9 and 13-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

In relation to the "single tab," the word "single" has been removed from all subsequent recitations after the first recitation, in claims 1 and 2, as suggested by the Examiner.

Further, in claim 14, line 17, "the item of jewelry" has been changed to "an item of jewelry" as suggested by the Examiner.

As to claims 17 and 20, it is submitted that these claims are not redundant.

Claim 14 from which claim 17 depends, recites "a first winged projection which extends downwardly from one said wall at a position juxtaposed to said upper surface of said base into said recess toward said tab." In other words, the winged projection can extend towards the tab, but stop short of the tab. Claim 17 has been amended to clarify the language that the winged projection extends downwardly from said one wall to a position directly beneath said tab. Thus, claim 17 provides a further limitation not found in claim 14.

The same applies to claim 20.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-3, 5-9 and 13-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been overcome.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-9 and 13-22 are allowable,

and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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